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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 LV, *et al*,

4 Plaintiff,

5 v.

03 Civ. 9917 (LAP)

6 NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
7 EDUCATION, *et al*,

8 Defendant.

Conference

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9 New York, N.Y.  
10 July 19, 2023  
12:00 p.m.

11 Before:

12 HON. LORETTA A. PRESKA,

13 District Judge

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(Case called)

THE COURT: We are here this morning to sign a document called Order Implementing Special Masters Recommendations. That's what the order of business is today.

So as you heard, we're here today to take a massive step toward getting families reimbursed for the cost of services to their special needs children. Under the current system, payments have sometimes been delayed for years -- a result that no family should have to endure in our city.

Now, with the assistance of our very accomplished and experience Special Master David Irwin, today's order will begin a wholesale streamlining of the payment system. We're grateful to Special Master Irwin and his team for their skillful work. Thank you so much.

But the major credit today goes to the lawyers who have been so diligently litigating this case over the years. Unlike most cases and, indeed, unlike the front-end of this case, these lawyers have worked together cooperatively without rancor, and with the goal of serving children and families of New York. I would like to thank Rebecca Shore at Advocates for Children of New York, and Jasper Perkins of the Milbank firm, both of them co-counsel for the plaintiffs.

I'd like to thank Jeffrey Dantowitz of the City Corporation Counsel Office. He represented the Department in this case, and particularly to thank Liz Vladeck. This is

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1 general counsel of the Department of Education.

2 I observed these lawyers work together harmoniously,  
3 and I applaud their efforts over many years. I am very  
4 grateful to Chancellor Banks for his presence here today, and  
5 want to call out his leadership in permitting the Department to  
6 move forward with these improvements for the benefit of  
7 children and families in our city.

8 Chancellor, Thank you. Thank you, ladies and  
9 gentlemen. Good luck. I look forward to keeping in touch with  
10 you all about our new efforts. Good afternoon.

11 (Adjourned)